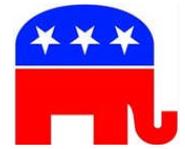


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IT'S WARD CONNERLY SPEAKING TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY AND SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN JUNE AT RIVER CITY

June 19, 2007 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE

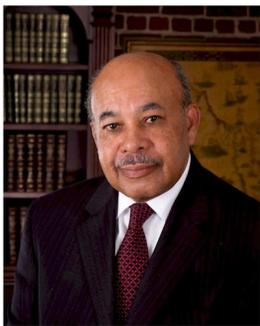
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The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

WARD CONNERLY TO SPEAK

BY Fred Hildebrand



Ward Connerly will return to River City on June 19th. He will be our main speaker. As is customary, we will meet in the Ose Room at KVIE, Channel 6. The Social Hour will begin at 6:30 P.M. and the General Meeting will convene at 7:15 P.M. Mr. Connerly will greet our members as well as take questions. This is an evening no member will want to miss!

WARD CONNERLY

Ward Connerly, author of the autobiography, *Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences*, is founder and chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, a national, not-for-profit organization aimed at educating the public about the need to move beyond race and, specifically, racial and gender preferences. Mr. Connerly has gained national attention and respect as an outspoken advocate of equal opportunity for all Americans, regardless of race, sex, or ethnic background.

As a member of the University of California Board of Regents, Mr. Connerly focused the attention of the nation on the University's race-based system of preferences in its admissions policy. On July 20, 1995, following Mr. Connerly's lead, a majority of the Regents voted to end the University's use of

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LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

Ted Gaines, 4th Assembly District Assemblyman, spoke to the members of River City at our May meeting about the Candidacy of former Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Mr. Gaines gave an enthusiastic endorsement of Mayor Giuliani.

Mr. Gaines told us about the great work done by Mayor Giuliani in New York, where taxes and crime were reduced while thousands of jobs were created. This was due to the leadership of Mr. Giuliani.

Starting with curbing the "windshield cleaner men" who would splash a car windshield with mud and then demand money to wipe it off, Mayor Giuliani ordered the police to stop this and other petty crime. Stopping petty crime results in curbing all crime.

Ward Connerly (Continued)

race as a means for admissions. He was appointed to a 12-year term as UC Regent in March 1993.

In 1995, Mr. Connerly accepted chairmanship of the California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209) campaign. Under his leadership, the campaign successfully obtained more than 1 million signatures and qualified for the November 1996 ballot. California voters passed Proposition 209 by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin.

Mr. Connerly also led the efforts to pass initiatives in the States of Washington and Michigan, that were patterned after California's Proposition 209, to require equal treatment under the law for all residents in public education, public employment and public contracting.

Mr. Connerly has been profiled on 60 Minutes, the cover of Parade magazine, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek magazine, and virtually every major news magazine in America. He has also appeared on The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, Crossfire, Hannity & Colmes, Meet the Press, Dateline, NBC Nightly News, CNN, and C-SPAN.

Mr. Connerly is President and Chief Executive Officer of Connerly & Associates, Inc., a Sacramento-based association management and land development consulting firm founded in 1973. He is regarded as one of the housing industry's top experts, possessing a comprehensive knowledge of housing and development issues. He has been inducted as a lifetime member into the California Building Industry Hall of Fame. Mr. Connerly currently is a member of the Rotary Club of Sacramento.

Ward Connerly

Honors and Recognitions:

- Recipient of the 2006 "Conservative of the Year Award" for dedication and commitment to Education and to the Principles of American Liberty from the Conservative Forum of the Silicon Valley (2007)
- Recipient of Honorary Lifetime Membership from the College Republicans at Sacramento State University (2007)
- Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Conservative Union Foundation presented at the Conservative Political Action Conference (2007)
- Recipient of the Caldwell Award For Leadership in Higher Education from the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy (2006)
- Recipient of the prestigious "Bradley Prize" for his defense of freedom and democracy from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation (2005)
- Recipient of the Thomas Szasz "Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties" (2003)
- Recipient of the "George Washington Honor Award" from the Freedom Foundation (2002)
- Recipient of the "Individual Freedom Award" from the Sovereign Fund (2001)
- Recipient of the Black Students Association Award from the University of Tennessee – Chattanooga (2001)
- Recipient of the Racial Harmony Hall of Fame Award from "A Place For Us" (2000)
- Recipient of the "Ronald Reagan Award for Leadership" from the California Republican Party (1998)
- Recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award from the Council for National Policy (1998)
- Recipient of the "State Achievement Award" from the Conservative Political Action Conference (1998)
- Recipient of the "Spirit of Lincoln Award" from the Log Cabin Republicans (1998)
- Recipient of the "Lincoln Award for Leadership" from the Independent Women's Forum (1997)
- Recipient of the "Courage in Leadership Award" from Black America's Political Action Committee (1997)
- Recipient of the Lt. General Edward J. Bronars "Defender of Freedom Award" from the Freedom Alliance (1997)
- Recipient of the "National Columbia Award" from the Washington Institute for Public Policy Studies (1996)
- Recipient of the "Patrick Henry Award" from the Center for the Study of Popular Culture (1995)

ON THIS DATE IN JUNE:

June 3, 1884 - Rep. John Lynch (R-MS) a former slave, presides over the Republican National Convention.

June 5, 1956 - Republican federal judge Frank Johnson rules in favor of Rosa Parks in decision striking down "blacks in the back of the bus" law.

June 8, 1866 - U. S. Senate passes Republicans' 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the law to all citizens; 94% of Republicans vote yes and 100% of Democrats vote No.

June 9, 1964 - Republicans condemn 14 hour filibuster against 1964 Civil Rights Act by U. S. Senator and former Ku Klux Klansman Robert Byrd (D-WV) who still serves in the Senate.

June 10, 1964 - Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen (R-II) criticizes Democrat filibuster against 1964 Civil Rights Act, calls on Democrats to stop opposing racial equality.

June 12, 1929 - First Lady Lou Hoover invites wife of U.S. Rep. Oscar De Priest (R-II), an African-American, to tea at the White House, sparking protests by Democrats across the county.

June 17, 1856 - Republican National Convention makes John C. Fremont its first Republican presidential nominee, with the slogan "Free soil, free labor, free speech, and Fremont."

June 28, 1864 - Republican majority in Congress repeals Fugitive Slave Act.

June 29, 1982 - President Ronald Reagan signs 25-year extension of 1965 Voting Rights Act



The Honorable Dave Cox

“NANNY GOVERNMENT” IS RAMPANT IN THE CAPITOL

By Senator Dave Cox

The Legislature last week was faced with what we call the “house of origin” deadline, where all bills introduced in 2007 must pass out of the house where they were originally introduced. This would mean that they would be through half of their legislative journey to becoming law.

It is amazing to me how many bills are introduced that attempt to manage the private lives of individuals in California. Some of us refer to this as “nanny government,” and it seems to have become an increasing trend in the Capitol.

Here are the most prominent examples of this type of legislation:

SB 120 (Padilla) – Requires restaurants with 10 or more locations to provide nutritional information on menu boards and printed menus. The author of this bill apparently feels that it is government’s business to inform us if our meal choices are healthy or not. The bill passed the Senate on a vote of 22 to 17.

AB 1634 (Levine) – Requires the spaying or neutering of pet dogs and cats within 4 months of their birth. In order to breed these animals, individuals would have to register as a breeder and pay \$500 for a breeder’s license. This bill passed the Assembly with the bare minimum 41 votes.

AB 493 (Ruskin) – Imposes a fee of up to \$2,500 on the purchase of sports utility vehicles in order to subsidize the purchase of lower mileage automobiles, an attempt to regulate the type of car a family can buy. This bill failed on the Assembly Floor by a vote of 35 to 35.

AB 97 (Mendoza) - Prohibits restaurants from preparing food in oils, margarine and shortening that contain trans-fats, even though many restaurants are already voluntarily doing this. My colleague, Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi said it best during the debate on this bill: "What's next, a ban on ice cream, sugar and chocolate cake?" The bill passed on a vote of 42 to 31.

AB 755 (Lieber) – This bill started as a bill to prohibit parents from striking their children. It was amended to allow judges and juries to consider whether striking children, among other things, is a form of pain or suffering on a child. It never made it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 722 (Levine) – This bill attempted to ban the sale of incandescent light bulbs in the state. Although saving energy is a laudable goal, forcing people to change is not the right way to go. This bill was on the Assembly Floor until the Author sent it to the inactive file, where it will have to wait until 2008 to be considered again.

The trend is not limited to the legislative arena. The South Coast Air Quality Management District has just proposed a ban on wood-burning fireplaces in new homes in Los Angeles, Orange and portions of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, and bans on using them in existing homes on some winter days. The State Air Resources Board has proposed a ban on home use of automobile air-conditioning refrigerant. The question here

quickly becomes: How far will legislators and regulators go in their pursuit of forcing changes in human behavior?

I do what I can to try to stop this kind of legislation or regulation from effecting people’s lifestyles. The majority party of the Legislature, however, feels that this is productive use of legislative time. Ultimately, it will be up to Governor Schwarzenegger to sign or veto some of these silly ideas.

NORMAN JACHENS DIES

By Robert Evans

Our good friend, Norman Jachens has died. He passed away on June 13, 2007, at about 1:30 PM.

Norm was one of the first members of Republicans of River City. He and Barbara Sullivan, along with others, founded our volunteer club. Norm was also one of the most active members in recruiting new member for our club. He always carried a Republicans of River City application and was never shy about asking anyone he met (who was a Republican) to join our club. He is responsible for recruiting many of our current members.

In addition , Norm was instrumental in recruiting activists to work on behalf of the Sacramento County Republican Party. Several members have told me that Norm was the very first person to talk to them about doing more than just talk - to become active in all aspects of the Republican Party. Several more have told me that Norm “brought” them back into Republican politics after they had become “burned out” and left for other more sedate pursuits.

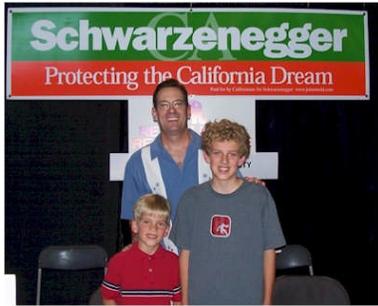
Norm will be missed by us all - he was a good friend personally and a great friend to the Republican Party.



Teir and Larry Lawrence helped with our booth at the Sacramento County Fair.



Here you see our booth table.



John Signorotti and his boys helped out at the booth.

So did Nicole Rice who had a great time registering voters.



Fred and Patty Hildebrand took their turn with voters and had fun. They were relieved by Jeff Scott who had a great time.



up at our booth.

When the Ross sisters came by to register things picked



Brian Villanueva also had a good time chatting with and registering voters.

As you can see, our booth at the Sacramento County Fair was a lot of fun and we got a lot of registrations, too. (Not pictured, William Chan.)

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Honorable Roger Niello

**WELFARE REFORM:
BUILDING A STRONG
WORKFORCE**

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

We Americans are, for the most part, a charitable people. However, as generous as we are, we also believe in personal responsibility as a path to achieving success. So while we want to give those in need a hand up, we don't like just giving a hand out. This was the very idea behind the bipartisan welfare reform of the mid-90's, which centered on the principle that welfare ought not be an aimless way of life, but a road to achieve self sufficiency.

The "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act" that was signed into law by President Clinton in 1996, directed that in order to receive welfare, a recipient must be gaining job skills to prepare to move off of it, and this process was best begun sooner rather than later. The Act contained two major structural reforms: the first, a five-year time limit for aid, which had not existed before, and the second a "loosening of the reigns", allowing states greater freedom to experiment and tailor their own programs to their state's unique circumstances, provided that certain work participation rates were met.

The reforms sent the message that, in a very fundamental way, there needs

to be a safety net, but not one so soft that it causes potentially productive individuals to atrophy on the fringes of society. This was a key turning point in the national policy away from "welfare as we knew it" and has been quite successful in moving a lot of people off of welfare.

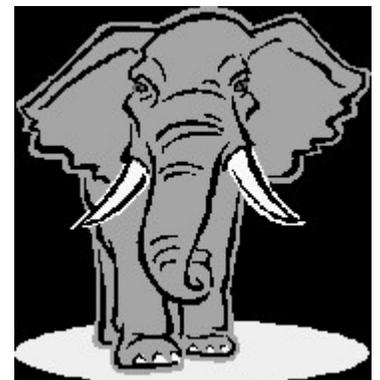
Fast forward ten years to 2007. Our great successes notwithstanding, there are people whose dependency is more ingrained and whose abilities to achieve self sufficiency are more challenging than others. These are the people with whom we have not been as successful as we'd like.

Confusion persists at the national as well as the state level on how best to channel this more challenging group out of welfare and into stable employment, and while there is the general agreement that we ought to "make work pay" and "make welfare hurt", ideas abound in the debate over what this actually means at the ground level. States are "graded" on their ability to move people off the roles, and are sanctioned along the way if their enrollees are not fulfilling the requisite number of "work credits" required by the federal statute.

Currently, California is not meeting the work participation rates required by the Federal government, and as such there is a scramble to make welfare-to-work programs more effective. If California does not increase its work participation rate it will face sanctions. Therefore, we need to do more to get people to work, and we need to structure our programs to ensure that people get relevant job skills necessary to obtain stable employment. There are several examples of programs that have achieved success moving people into real jobs that they are able to keep, but surprisingly, Los Angeles County, with one of the highest welfare dependency rates in the nation, provides perhaps the best.

This year, I have introduced legislation to build on the success of the L.A. County program. Assembly Bill 98 will help by making it easier for counties to "create" job slots in the private sector in which real life job skills may be gained. In between those who will "never" be able to hold down a real job and those who are marketable, are those who need training at first, but if given the chance are able to stand on their own after a few months of close supervision. AB 98 allows counties greater flexibility in partnering with the private sector to boost the number of welfare recipients who are able to gain "trial" job experience, and, ultimately, be offered full employment. In L.A. County, 70% of the participants in this trial program moved off welfare, earning more than minimum wage as a result of the initial "weaning" process.

As a nation, we will be strongest when we are able to lift up the weakest among us to become productive contributors to society. The best policy is not to give people a crutch so they can subsist in their failure, but to encourage and require a path toward self-sufficiency and away from government dependency. To do so is ultimately in service of the strong individual, a strong economy and a strong society.





Carl Burton, President

WE REGISTER REPUBLICANS AT COUNTY FAIR; GIULIANI WINS STRAW POLL

By Carl Burton

It's just 7 months until the California Presidential Primary election on Feb. 5, 2008 (absentee voters can start voting in Jan of 2008).

Republicans of River City can receive \$3.00 per each new republican we register until Oct 5, minus processing costs by the Sacramento County Republican Party.

But money isn't the only reason why we need to be out registering voters. We want all of our American citizens to register and vote because the only way we can make sure our Republic survives is by citizen participation.

Republicans of River City registered over 30 republican voters. We also conducted a straw poll of fairgoers on who they would like to see win in next February's Presidential Primary.

Our question was "if the election were held today, which Republican currently seeking the presidency would you vote for in the California Presidential primary election?" We had 300 ballots cast by individual fair goers.

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani came in first, with 88 votes; former Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts came in second with

53 votes; followed by Senator McCain with 46 votes.

Potential candidates former Senator Fred Thompson received 37 votes and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich received 31 votes.

Congressman Duncan Hunter of Southern California received 18 votes; Congressman Ron Paul of Texas; former Governor of Arkansas

Huckabee and former Governor Thompson of Wisconsin each got six votes; and Congressman Tom Tancredo of Colorado received five votes.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Democratic Senator Barack Obama, Senator Brownback of Kansas and former Governor Gilmore of Virginia each received one vote.



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